(b) to (f) The details of Kottadih project are given below :—

(i) Extractable reserves	(UG—41.43 mt. OC—24.71 mt.)
(ii) Capacity—2.48 mty	(UG—1.38 mty. OC—1.10 mty.)
(iii) Sanctioned cost—	Rs. 267.52 Crores (UG—Rs. 179.01 crs. OC—Rs. 88.51 crs.)
(iv) Date of sanction of the combined project	9th June, 1989
(v) Total investment made till 31-3-94 (Provisional)	Rs. 225.97 crores
(vi) Production capacity as on 31-3-94	(UG—0.30 mty. OC—Nil)

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

(i) In Kottadih (Underground) longwall equipment has just been commissioned and results are expected from 1994-95. The opencast part of the project is delayed due to delay in land acquisition.

Development of Opencast Mines

5266. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the logic behind the development of opencast coal mining only and giving priority to the same irrespective of its poor quality; and

(b) how much average UHV Kg/cal is getting out of the total production of non-coking coal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) The current production mix of opencast and underground production is an outcome of the regional demand pattern and the geo-mining and techno-economic considerations in exploiting the deposits. In the post nationalisation period there was a shift towards increased opencast mining for obtaining bulk production in short time frame and to match the growing need of the economy especially the power sector. However, priority is attached to both opencast and underground mining.

(b) The average Useful Heat value (UHV) for non coking coal produced by Coal India Ltd. is about 4300-4400 kilo calories per kilogram for 1993-94.

Exploitation of Lignite in Bikaner Distt.

5267. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether any MOU between Government of Rajasthan Ministry of Coal, and Neyvali Lignite Corporation exists that NLC would exploit all lignite in Bikaner Distt, for Power generation;

(b) whether Government are also aware that NLC is finding it difficult to develop Barsungsar due to fund constraints; and

(c) if so, whether Government would agree on the request of Rajasthan Government to release Guda and Bilthok lignite deposits from the MOU so that the State Government could offer them for private power generation cum mining projects;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) between the Government of Rajasthan, the Ministry of Coal and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited was signed on 2-11-1987 for lignite mining and lignite based power generation in Bikaner District of Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of Rajasthan requested the Government of India, in November, 1993 for exclusion of Gurha (including Bithnock) from the aforesaid MOU. Government of India's no objection has been conveyed to the Government of Rajasthan in January, 1994.

Investment in view completed/Re-organised Open Cast Mines

5268. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total amount of investment in new completed/re-organised open cast mines upto the year 1993-94; and

(b) what was the projected capacity of the new completed/re-organised open cast mines for the year 1993-94; and

(c) what is the present production of new completed/re-organised open cast mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA) : (a) to (c) Total amount of investment upto year 1993-94, projected capacity for year 1993-94 and present production of new completed/re-organised opencast mines (above Rs. 20 crores) is given below :

Company	Investment 93-94 (Rs. in Crs.) (Provisional)	capacity for year MT	Production 93-94 MT
CIL	3123.25	84.050	75.3163
SCCL	426.31	7.528	8.0420
TOTAL :	3549.56	91.578	83.3583

MT—Million Tonnes.

Reserve of Leasehold Area of Coal Acquired by Coal India Limited

5269. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) how much is the reserve of leasehold area of coal that has been taken or acquired by Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries/Singareni Collieries Co. Limited (SCCL) out of the total proved reserve of coal of 64,853 million tonnes;

(b) how much of the total reserve of leasehold area of Coal India Limited and its subsidiaries/SCCL is within the depth of 300 metres;

(c) why Coal India and its subsidiaries/SCCL are not interested in developing the reserves of coal found beyond the depth of 400 to 600 metres; and

(d) the names of the projects where coal reserves found beyond the depth of